



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of **Barker et al**

Application No. 09/837,539

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For: Medical Device with Shield Having a
Retractable Needle

Examiner: Marmor II, Charles

Group Art Unit: 3726

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Enclosed are three sheets of drawings to replace Figures 10, 11, 15, 16 and 18.
The new figures address the concerns raised by the Examiner about reference
numbers 240, 454 and 492.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) A medical device, comprising:
 - a hollow housing;
 - a needle having a sharpened tip projecting forwardly from the housing;
 - a biasing element biasing the needle rearwardly;
 - a needle retainer releasably retaining the needle against the rearward bias of the biasing element;
 - a flexible shield fixedly attached to the housing, projecting forwardly from the housing;
 - the shield having a forward edge and being configured for insertion into a patient;
 - the shield sheathing the needle such that in a projecting position, the sharpened tip of the needle projects beyond the forward edge of the shield, and in a retracted position the sharpened tip is enclosed within the shield;